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HUNT LINE IS SOLD

Transferred to the Northern Pacific Company.

FOR THE COAST DEFENSE

How Western States Would Be Looked After.

From what is considered a reliable source it is ascertained that the Washington & Columbia River Railway Company's line from Pendleton to Hunt's Junction, from Dayton to Hunt's Junction and all branches, rolling stock, depots and grounds have been transferred to the Northern Pacific Railway Company.

The board of directors of the Washington & Columbia River Railway, which had been in session at Walla Walla since Wednesday, closed its business Saturday. Soon afterward a rumor that the Northern Pacific had purchased the road was a topic of conversation around the city.

At the meeting of the board President W. D. Tyler and Secretary A. R. Burford tendered their resignations, which were accepted.

It has been common talk among railroad men and others in a position to know for several weeks that the Northern Pacific has been negotiating with C. B. Wright, the principal stockholder of the Washington & Columbia River Railway, for the purchase of the road, and now it is almost certain that the deal has been consummated.

President Tyler, when questioned about the rumored transfer, said he had nothing to give out for publication at the present time. He would neither deny nor verify the rumor. Other officials of the road are very reticent about the matter, and it is impossible to secure any definite information from them.

Immediately after the adjournment of the meeting, President Tyler, accompanied by the board of directors, Western Land Agent Cooper and Assistant Superintendent W. G. Pierce, of Tacoma, of the Northern Pacific, and L. S. Miller, general manager of the Seattle & International Railway, went to Dayton on a special train. They returned at 4 o'clock and then went to Pendleton.

"Hunt's Railroad System."

"Hunt's railroad system" was the popular name of the road started in the Walla Walla valley in 1888, and practically completed this year, which passed to the ownership of C. B. Wright, about two years later, and was operated as the Washington & Columbia River Railroad until now. It has been recognized as a part of the Northern Pacific system, and the formal change of ownership now reported scarcely changes its status in regard to that connection.

The "system" consists of 161 miles of main-line track. Starting from Hunt's Junction, Wash., a mile north of Walla Walla, one line extends easterly through Walla Walla to Dayton, a distance of 87 miles. From Eureka Junction, 22 miles easterly from Hunt's Junction, a branch extends northeast 20 miles to Pleasant View. Another line of the road starts at Hunt's Junction and extends 40 miles southerly to Pendleton, Or., with a branch 14 miles long reaching from Helix Junction easterly to Athena. All the country tapped by these roads is a great producer of grain, and much of it is rich in general agricultural products.

George W. Hunt, who built the "system," was one of the most active of Northwest railroad builders. He built the Yaquina Bay road from Centralia to South Bend. His railroad scheme in the Walla Walla country was handled by himself as an individual, and it was his pride that he had built and owned more miles of railroad than any other individual railroad operator. But settlement day and approaching hard times stripped him of his railroad possessions.

The Hunt line, or the Washington and Columbia River railroad, is an important leader of the Northern Pacific. The object of its construction was to supply a competitor against the O. E. & N., which had already built through that country. The new road was especially constructed, its grades are light and it is able to handle a large volume of traffic.

Good Thing for Tacoma.

Concerning the sale of the W. & C. R., in connection with Tacoma interests, the Ledger says:

"A transaction of unusual importance to the interests of Tacoma was completed yesterday in the purchase of the Columbia and Washington Railway by the Northern Pacific Company. The importance of the control of this line was fully appreciated by the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company, who made efforts to secure the property. The control of this line of road by the Northern Pacific will divert the products of the rich sections of Washington and Oregon through which it runs to Tacoma and will make this city the great grain port of the coast. The enormous crops of wheat, which have heretofore been forced to find an outlet at Portland, will be brought to this port for shipment, and the trade of that rich farming section from which this city has heretofore been cut off will be within reach of the jobbers of Tacoma."

FOR COAST DEFENSE.

How the Western States Would Be Looked After.

Much interest will be taken in the matter of Pacific coast protection, in view of the war cloud that has so suddenly arisen. Should war be declared, naturally most of the fighting would be done on the Atlantic ocean, yet it would be necessary to properly protect the Pacific coast.

In addition to the torpedo boats now building in the Northwest waters, the

Union Iron Works is also constructing a 30 knot torpedo boat, which could be finished in about two months.

At the Mare Island navy yard there are the cruisers Charleston and Ranger, which it would require about two months to place in commission. Repairs to the wooden warships Philadelphia, Hartford and Pensacola, also at Mare Island, would require about two months.

In commission we have the first class battleship Oregon, now in the Puget sound drydock; the monitors Monterey and Monadnock at San Diego; the gunboat Alert, off the coast of Southern California, and the gunboat Hohecan, at Mare Island. There are several ships in salt water that could be quickly called home.

On the Atlantic seaboard, the Iowa is at Key West; the Massachusetts and Indiana, at the Island of Tortugas; the Texas, on her way to Key West; the cruiser Montgomery, at Key West; the torpedo boats Porter and Dupont, at Montgomery, Ala.; torpedo boats Oatling and Erickson, at Key West; torpedo boat Foote, at Port Royal, S. C.

The armored cruisers New York and Brooklyn are outside Key West. These ships are equal to Spain's only first class and her six second class battleships. The gunboat Vicksburg is at Nashville the cruiser Marblehead, at New York, also the monitors Puritan and Terror, and the armored ram Katahdin. At Philadelphia is the commerce destroyer Columbia and Minneapolis, and the monitor Amphitrite. There are other ships in the New York and Norfolk navy yards that could be placed in commission at short notice.

A TERRIBLE DEATH

Clarence Dupuis Killed By Machine at Pendleton.

LATEST FROM HAVANA

Suspicion of Treachery is Gaining Ground.

A most distressing accident occurred Wednesday night at the Pendleton woolen and scouring mills, by which young Clarence Dupuis, a popular mill employe, lost his life. Dupuis was engaged in throwing a bolt, when his clothing caught in a swiftly revolving shaft. Every shred of clothing was torn off except a small piece of overalls on the ankle.

His principal injuries were found to consist of a comminuted fracture of the left tibia, the bone being broken into several fragments; dislocation of the right knee; fracture of the lower third of the right humerus and a scalp wound in the forehead. He may have been hurt internally also, but the combination of other wounds, together with the intense shock to his system, were sufficient to cause death.

One of the saddest features of his sad death is that his beloved young wife had borne him a son about 15 minutes after the accident, one of the physicians having been summoned from the Dupuis home to the place where the father lay in the throes of death.

Situation in Havana.

New York, Feb. 24.—A despatch to the World from Havana says:

The situation in Havana is more grave than it was a week ago. Although the officers of the naval board of inquiry preserve an impenetrable reserve, it is learned that some of the best naval experts now believe that the explosion was the result of treachery. They do not believe that Spanish officials were parties to the conspiracy. From evidence now in the possession of the United States Spanish government, General Blanco and all his military subordinates were guiltless. It is believed to have been the work of a fanatic.

HASBROUCK IS ALIVE.

He Arrives at Portland and Registers at the Perkins.

East Oregonian: Martin L. Hasbrouck is not dead, but very much in the flesh. Neither is he in hiding. His name is registered at the Hotel Perkins, Portland, from Nogales, and he was seen by a Pendleton man Thursday in that city.

If Hasbrouck knows anything about the alleged dead man discovered down in Mexico somewhere with lodge receipts issued to M. L. Hasbrouck in his pocket, he did not disclose his knowledge to this party. Perhaps he considered that it was none of his business, because the remains must have necessarily belonged to someone else. Be that as it may, friends here will be glad to hear that he is still in the land of the living.

Hasbrouck told the Pendleton man that he might remain in Portland for a time and then return to his mine. He said that himself and partner owned two promising claims in Arizona. He looked considerably ill.

That Hasbrouck could not have had much reason for disappearing is shown by his reappearance; that he is not dead is amply proven by the fact that he is alive. Therefore the curiously inclined could like to hear some explanation of the article in the Yuma, Arizona, paper, which caused such a sensation for the Pendleton press and public. Perhaps he may come up and tell us all about it.

The Discovery of the Day.

Aug. J. Began, the Leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Cough and Colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and to day stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottle at Pioneer Drug Store, G. G. Osburn Prop.

Seventy Head of Deer.

Harry and Jack Swart, from Bingham Springs, report that a big bunch of deer was seen to cross below Harry's camping place Friday. It was the largest band ever seen in the Blue mountains, being conservatively estimated at 70 head. As it is now the close season, the deer were not molested.

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Republican Central Committee.

The republican central committee for Umatilla county was called to order at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the courthouse by Chairman Lot Livermore, Charles Wilkins being present as secretary.

The business before the convention was quickly done, being completed in little more than an hour.

It was decided to have the apportionment upon the vote cast for R. S. Bean for supreme judge in the June election of 1898. One delegate was allowed to every 20 votes and a fraction of 10 or more, with a delegate at large for each

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precinct. This gives a total representation of 109 at the county convention. It was provided that there shall not be less than two delegates from each precinct.

Wednesday, March 30, was set as the date for holding the primaries, and the county convention will sit at Pendleton on the Wednesday following the primaries. The committee recommended that precinct committeemen be elected at the primaries.

Below is the representation for each precinct:

Adams 3, Alta 6, Alba 3, North Athena 2, South Athena 3, Bingham Springs 2, Cottonwood 2, Echo 3, Encampment 2, Fulton 3, Gilliland 2, Helix 3, Hogue 2, Juniper 2, McKay 3, North Milton 6, South Milton 6, Mountain 3, Pendleton 3, East Pendleton 5, North Pendleton 6, S. Utah Pendleton 5, Ruddock 2, Ukiah 2, Umatilla 2, Union 2, Valley 2, Vanaycle 2, Vinon 2, Weston 3, East Weston 3, Willow Springs 2.

The committee members in attendance were as follows:

Adams, Wm. Baker; Alta, Douglas Belts of Pilot Rock; Bingham Springs, J. E. Swart of Bingham; Cottonwood, J. K. Wilson of Walla Walla; Encampment, F. M. Betts of Meacham; Fulton, Frank Sherman of Pendleton; Helix, Alvin Turner; McKay, R. L. Oliver of Pendleton; South Milton, George A. Cowi; North Milton, E. E. Wilcox; Mountain, J. M. Sparks of Weston; Pendleton, Lot Livermore; North Pendleton, J. E. Bean for J. J. Ballery; South Pendleton, F. M. Oliver; Ruddock, Harry W. Swart; Union, A. B. Cooley; Vanaycle, W. J. Stockman; Weston, H. B. Nelson; East Weston, George Williams.

La Grande Gets it.

This decision was the result of the meeting of officers and directors of the Eastern Oregon and Washington Fireman's Association, held Sunday afternoon at Walla Walla.

The meeting was called to order at 2 o'clock p. m. with a full board present, as follows: President, J. W. Mackay, of Walla Walla; vice president, E. W. Bartlett, of La Grande; Secretary, T. D. S. Hart, of Walla Walla; directors, Joseph E. Hill, of Pendleton; J. H. Laughlin, of La Grande; J. Arnold of Walburg.

The chief business to settle was the selection of the place for the tournament. La Grande and Watsburg both wanted it badly, and each bid the same amount in prizes, \$75. Watsburg favored Watsburg, but a proposition to allow Portland Mackay to vote, except in deciding a tie, failed, and the result was three to two in La Grande's favor. The deciding ballot was cast by Director Hill, of Pendleton, and although there was some criticism of his action on the part of the Watsburg boys, he feels that he voted to the best interests of the association and is satisfied. Besides, Watsburg will get the tournament next year anyway.

La Grande's offer is a handsome one, and the sugar beet city will no doubt "spread itself" to entertain the firemen in brilliant style. The tournament occurs on the 14th, 15th and 16th of June, and the \$675 in prizes is divided as follows:

Spud race—First prize \$60, second prize \$45.

Wet test—First prize \$80, second prize \$40.

Hook and Ladder contest—First prize \$60, second prize \$35.

Championship race—First prize \$100, second prize \$50.

These four are the regular tournament events, for an aggregate of \$300 in prizes. The remaining money is for special prizes, as follows:

Firemen's foot race for \$25, which may be increased to \$100. Only members of the competing hose team are eligible for this contest.

Special hob and hub race—First prize \$100, second prize \$50.

La Grande asked for and was of course granted the privilege of increasing the special prize \$500 or more, if the additional money can be raised.

E. W. Bartlett, the vice president, resigned in favor of Frank Clark, of Baker City, in order that Baker City may have representation on the association board in future.

The meeting closed with an elaborate banquet given at the Hotel State in honor of the visiting delegation. There was a fine spread, and good feeling appeared to prevail. Short but flowery speeches were given.

C. W. McLymman Held Up.

Tribune: C. W. McLymman, the painter and sign writer, was held up by two overgrown hoboes about 8 o'clock Sunday night, but as Mr. McLymman had nothing in his pockets that would make a jingle the robbers went through their daring performance for nothing. They furnished no gun, and after their intended victim recovered his presence of mind he quickly widened the distance between himself and the holdups.

Judge Bailley Out Again.

Tribune: Judge Bailley's many warm friends will be greatly pleased to learn that he has so far recovered as to be able to be out again. He was walking up and down Main street yesterday afternoon and seems quite natural once more. There is reason to hope that he will soon be able to resume his law business.

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Representative Rigby was in the city from his reservation farm Wednesday.